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Sir:

In response to the Final Office action dated December 3, 2004, reconsideration in view of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-24 and 26 are pending and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Reid et al. and Antur et al.

Independent Claim 11 recites, *inter alia*, a method for controlling access to network resources having, at a central configuration machine, defining an internal protection domain for each of a plurality of firewalls . . .defining at least one external protection domain for the plurality of firewalls . . .creating a plurality of resource groups . . . specifying an access control rule . . .configuring each firewall using the access control rules and, at each firewall, in response to a request to access a destination network resource received from a source network resource, determining whether to apply the access control rule specified for the resource group associated with the destination network resource based on the scope of the access control rule.

Independent Claim 23 recites, *inter alia*, a system for controlling access to network resources comprising a plurality of firewalls, coupled to the external network, each firewall including at least one internal subnetwork, each internal subnetwork having at least one access-control network resource . . .a central